

The Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

I would like to urge to support the Fair Share Plan because it would make phone service fair to everyone. I don't use long distance very often, and I already feel the rates are outrageous. If you change the way USF fees are collected, it will cost lower and middle income citizens to not have phones because the cost is too much.

Many senior citizens already have to choose between medicine, food and phone service. They are on a fixed income and how safe will it be if they had to disconnect their phone because they were unable to afford it, and they fell. They would be laying there for a long time and could possibly die. Would you like that fate for your parent or grandparent?
I know I wouldn't want this to happen to mine.

Businesses can afford to pay larger phone bills as they conduct business over the phone and generate income. I do not. I can barely afford to pay my bills currently, and both my husband and I are working. I also know businesses get additional tax breaks which we as individuals are not entitled to receive. Why must the lower and middle income families always pay the price for big business and government?

The USF fees are just one way you can impact the amount of money available to lower and middle income families. How many times can we penalize the older Americans before they just give up? They are strapped enough. Please don't burden them even further by raising the cost of telephone usage and USF fees.

Sincerely,

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Senator Russell Feingold
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